



The Columbine

Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club

November
2006

Fajita Fiesta

At the Penrose House at Turkey Creek

November 15, 2006

6pm-9pm, cost \$15.00

RSVP by Nov. 8th to Allison Fuller

At 359-6546 or fc_osc@yahoo.com

Come for Zumba dancing lessons,

Margaritas, and fajitas.

**Dinner includes: chips & salsa, beef & chicken
fajitas with all the trimmings,**

Sopapillas for dessert, and lemonade.

**We will also be auctioning wreaths and collecting
toys for Santa's Workshop. Please bring an
unwrapped, new board game. Thanks!**



Steph's Stuff...

"Give us thankful hearts...in this the season of Thy Thanksgiving. May we be thankful for health and strength, for sun and rain and peace. Let us seize the day and the opportunity and strive for that greatness of spirit that measures life not by its disappointments but by its possibilities, and let us ever remember that true gratitude and appreciation shows itself neither in independence nor satisfaction but passes the gift joyfully on in larger and better form." ~ W.E.B. DuBois

As I write this column, hundreds of 3HBCT soldiers are in various stages of homecoming. Yesterday I was happy to be present for the homecoming of the first 150 or so of these brave men and women. I anxiously await the arrival of my own husband within the next two weeks. It's so easy to find blessings to be thankful for as I experience the joy of these events. On the other hand, if I stop to think of the soldiers who have just left or are preparing to begin their deployments, it's hard to feel *only* happy and thankful. I struggle with the dilemma of how to be really happy yet sensitive to those in radically different situations. I think the only way to handle it is to be true to my emotions while offering my understanding and support to those who are just beginning their separations from loved ones.

This Thanksgiving, I'm so grateful to be part of this wonderful organization that allows me to get to know people in all different situations, offer them that understanding and support, and accept it from them when I need to. I think that's one of the main goals of the OSC...to provide a community from which we can all receive what we need to ease the difficulties that arise as we live the wonderful yet challenging life of Army Spouses.

Let us all remember to be grateful, both for our blessings and for the kindness of friends when blessings aren't so easy to find.

Your President,
Stephanie Sharp



"Kate's Kuips"

Hello OSC Members!

November is a beautiful time here at Fort Carson. Autumn is in full swing. Drive through any housing development on post, and you'll see scarecrows, pumpkins, and dried corn stalks decorating the way to your favorite neighbor's home. I love the crisp wind and beautiful sunsets at this time of year – especially if the heavy snow and windstorms stay away. This is a great time to reconnect with old friends in preparation for Thanksgiving and the December holidays. With so many people deployed or coming home, a visit with a neighbor is a perfect way to check in on those you care about.

Thank you to all the ladies who have volunteered to make wreaths for the Wreath Auction. It will be held at the Fajita Fiesta November 15th. Don't forget your Holiday shopping lists. I am sure that many of the wreaths will make beautiful presents for your loved ones or for yourself.

As always, we are feverishly working on Casino Night. Anyone interested in chairing a committee or just helping me with early coordination can email me at beckmaka@msn.com or call me at 559-7470.

Have a wonderful month and I look forward to seeing you at Turkey Creek!

Kate Beckage
1st Vice President



If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice. ~Meister Eckhart



Anecdotes from Rose and Amanda

Wir haben uns toll amüsiert. We had a great time at Edelweiss last month! The food, service, and company were great. We'd encourage everyone to check out their yummy and authentic German cuisine. Thanks to all of you who braved the snow to come celebrate Oktoberfest with us!

The seasons are changing...and although it's getting colder outside, we're going to heat things up at Fajita Fiesta! We'll have Zumba dancing lessons, and then cool down with a margarita. We'll also be auctioning off Holiday Wreaths to get our holiday spirit flowing.

Speaking of the Holidays, we'd love to have several of our on-post members sign up to showcase their homes at the Holiday Spectacular Tour of Homes. Please e-mail the website if you're interested.

We look forward to seeing you in November!

**Sincerely,
Rose and Amanda
2nd VP's**



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This Month's Ravin' Restaurant Review



Wooglin's Deli

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If you're looking for a casual yet hip & happen' place for any meal of the day, stop by Wooglin's Deli at the intersection of Tejon and Cache La Poudre on the southern end of Colorado College. I enjoy the friendly employees and love their sandwiches made with homemade walnut-wheat bread. Also on the menu are delicious salads and items for vegetarians and kids. Featured daily are soups and quiches, and delicious cheesecake, chocolate cake, carrot cake, cookies, etc. For breakfast, enjoy a GIGANTIC muffin, good ole bacon and eggs, pancakes, or yummy yogurt with fresh fruit and granola, hot tea or coffee. I can't say enough great things about this locally owned treasure!

~submitted by Stephanie Sharp

Babysitting and Services Corner

Babysitters

- *Collete Davis, age 12 (mother, Susan)...4 St. Lo Drive...559-5021
- *Molly Sawyer, age 20 (mother, Maggie)...9459 Summer Meadows Dr...559-8514
...has car, available after school (2pm)
- *Erin Sawyer, age 18 (mother, Maggie)...9459 Summer Meadows Dr...559-8514
...has car, available evenings
- *Monica Lobner, age 14 (mother, Bonnie)...4220 Danceglen Dr...540-2734
- *Sam Fritts, age 15 (mother, Karen)...7908C Bayonet Cir...559-8910...after school/wkends,
prefers potty-trained children
- *Kathryn Fritts, age 12 (mother, Karen)...7908C Bayonet Cir...559-8910...after school/wkends

*ARC Certified

Lawn Services

Erick Murphy (mother, Carina)...610 Fernglen Ct (Broadmoor Glen area)...226-0762

Peddle My Wares

- Tonya Bullock, Tastefully Simple...638-8393
- Cathy Hanson, Stampin' Up!.....382-1193
- Carina Murphy, Mary Kay.....226-0762
- Dia Alessi, Mary Kay.....591-2506



Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow. ~Edward Sandford Martin

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you!



- 1: Kelli Houston
- 2: Birgit Lang
- 3: Audrey Wise
- 7: Traci Powell
- 8: Linda Cole
- 14: Amanda Waterman
- 18: Lynn Engen
- 20: Laura Leiva
- 28: Amanda Wright
- 29: Laura McDonough



Join A Club...

Bowling: Kate Beckage 559-7470

Book Club: Lynn Engen 576-2602

Dessert of the Month: Amanda Waterman 382-4604

Quilting Club: Maridee Hargis 559-9442 or
Lisa Doyle 559-7494

Bunco: Maggie Sawyer 559-8514

Hiking Club: Barbara Knorr 527-0240

Scrapbooking Club: Audrey Wise 573-2157

Golf Club: Roz Johnson 391-7665



Did you know...

You can rent a Santa suit; a bunny suit; or silver serving trays, tea sets, and other service from the OSC?

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Mountain Post Market

(formerly Ways & Means)

At Oktoberfest, we unveiled the all new Mountain Post Market. Everyone loved the handmade items as well as the Ft. Carson afghans. These items will be available at the November function and make great personalized holiday gifts. We'll see you then!

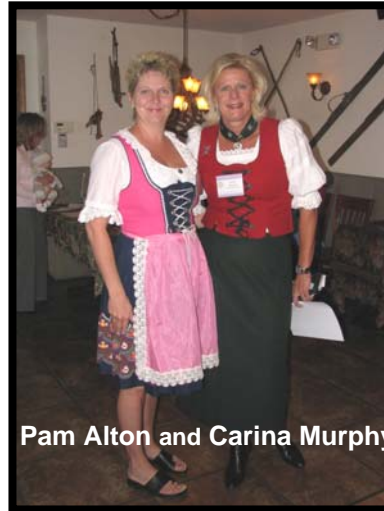
And remember, all the proceeds earned at the Market go toward the cost of running the OSC.

~Cathy Hanson

Oktoberfest at Edelweiss



Jessica Schleider, Louann Fultz,
and Adele Snook



Pam Alton and Carina Murphy



Happy Birthday, Allison Fuller!

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Grace isn't a little prayer you chant before receiving a meal. It's a way to live. ~Jackie Windspear

Santa's Workshop Update

"Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood. But everyone has something to give." – Barbara Bush

Following in the wisdom of Mrs. Bush, here is the perfect opportunity to give something important. Santa's Workshop is in full swing and we need HELP. We are not asking for your life blood but time, skills and connections are always highly desired! For those of you that may not know, Santa's Workshop operates under the OSC, and each year we sponsor a program to help the soldiers and families who are in need during the Holiday Season. Without a doubt, this is an outstanding program that has been successful in the past because of the dedication, hard work and loyalty of the OSC membership.

This year is no different. This program will be successful again because of your help. Many of you have already volunteered your time, but we have many more opportunities for you to give. We are looking for help to fill the shifts during the workshop (a very rewarding experience – that will put you in the true holiday spirit), some pre-workshop helpers and a few committee positions. Becky Goldner has very graciously agreed to serve as our volunteer coordinator, so if you would like to sign-up for a shift or ask some volunteer questions please email Becky at beckygoldner@yahoo.com.

Each family that comes through the workshop receives two toys per child and a family game. To supplement our game stock, we are having a Game Drive in November. In the past the OSC membership has overwhelmingly supported Santa's Workshop by donating family games at the November function. We are asking the same this year – we would be immensely grateful if members could bring a new family game at the November 15th function. We thank you in advance for any and all help you can give.

Ho Ho Ho,
Santa's Elves
AKA

Renee Midkiff, co-chair, 559-7989
Roz Johnson, co-chair, 237-1634
Suzanne Tovo, Advisor, 559-8960

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- Wed, 18Oct, 12 to 2pm – Oktoberfest
- Wed, 15Nov, 6 to 8*pm – Fajita Fiesta
Penrose House, Turkey Creek
- Mon, 4Dec – Santa's Workshop Ribbon
Cutting
- 4Dec to 8Dec – Santa's Workshop
- Sun, 10Dec, 2 to 5pm – Holiday Spectacular
Tour of Homes
- Wed, 17Jan, 6 to 8*pm – Polish Pottery
Bingo
- Wed, 21Feb, 12 to 2pm – Bring on the Books:
Book Exchange and Children's Book Drive
- Sat, 17Mar – Casino Night
- Wed, 21Mar, 6 to 8*pm– This is Jeopardy..
Local Trivia at the Elkhorn
- Wed, 18Apr, 12 to 2pm – How Does Your
Garden Grow? Planting Tips for Our Climate
- Wed, 16May, 6 to 8*pm – Wine Tasting and
Installation at Taste of CO Wine Shop,
Manitou Springs

*Note time correction...evening events
are intended to end at 8pm, not 9pm.

Reservation Policy

- *Reservations (and food choices) for FCOSC events must be made in advance. Please note the RSVP date in your copy of the Columbine.
- *At each event, the reservations coordinator will greet you at the entrance where you will pick up your nametag and pay by check or cash. Sorry, no credit cards on site.
- *Those who wish to hold permanent reservations may do so by providing their credit card information. If you choose to utilize this convenience and are unable to make an event, please call to cancel as soon as possible.
- *Cancellations will be taken anytime after the RSVP date. Cancellations inside a 48-hour window will warrant a charge for the event.

Childcare Policy

The childcare policy has changed since the 2005-2006 year. Last year childcare was donated to FCOSC due to the large number of deployed soldiers. That has since changed. You are now responsible for your own childcare expenses.

*Childcare for morning events is available at the southwest hourly care center; your child must be registered through central registration to use this facility.

*Reservations for childcare may be made up to two weeks in advance for daytime functions by calling 526-2463.

* Evening childcare will be the responsibility of participating spouses. For a list of certified childcare providers, call central registration at 526-1101.

* Child and Youth Services only allows 20 hours worth of childcare per week. If you have exceeded this allowance, they will not make your child's reservation.

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